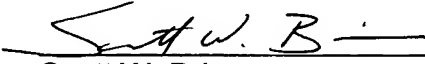


REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated Jan. 12, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,798,702 ("Tsuji"). Additionally, claims 5-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner stated that claims 5-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 5, and claim 8 has been added to include the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 6.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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